



## PROBUS CLUB OF GREENWAY INC.

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### A few words from our President

Our isolated state continues apace. I hope you have all found ways to keep yourselves occupied, and to maintain contact with those important to you.

We have been saddened by the passing of Cec Hill, an enthusiastic and well-loved foundation member of our group. She will be missed by her many friends at our club. On behalf of all of us, I have forwarded our condolences to her family.

A question for our club is: when do we resume meetings? Against the background of some loosening up of restrictions, it was interesting to read the Canberra Times editorial of 29 May. Headed “Coronavirus threat has not gone away”, the editorial goes on to say: “The clear message is that while we may think we have this disease under control thanks to the success of social distancing restrictions the situation is still very fluid. Outbreaks can occur at any place and at any time”. It concludes with the advice: “Stay sensible, stay safe, and stay home for now.”



As we are all aware, this message holds relevance to our senior demographic. Hence, we will continue to lay low for the time being. I sense that our members are supportive of this approach.

Your Committee continues to meet monthly, thanks to Zoom. Our aim is to make sure we stay abreast of developments, and to ensure we are ready for an eventual return to normal.

Meanwhile, enjoy your Newsletter, and keep up your social contacts. Please consider registering on our club’s Facebook page – and post material for others to enjoy. There is another article in this issue advising you on how to go about doing that.

And stay safe.

Paul

### Greenway Probud Facebook Group

Unfortunately, the launch of our Facebook Group has not progressed as well as hoped. While inviting some people to become members has progressed without a hitch, for others it has not! However, we are still working on the problem and our invitation still stands.

As detailed in our last newsletter membership will be restricted to members of the Greenway Probud Club and will be by invitation only. The only other requirement is that you will need to have a Facebook account of your own.

Because we do not know which members have Facebook accounts and/or are interested in being a member of the group, we are relying on you to let us know if you would. You can email me at [petersandra2@hotmail.com](mailto:petersandra2@hotmail.com) and I will arrange for an invitation to be sent to you.

You will then need to accept that invitation and then you will be able to access the Group Page and have full rights to read, add and post things to the Group as a whole.

### **Knitwit News**

Hello everyone,

Hoping you are all keeping well & finding plenty to occupy yourselves. We must keep regular contact with each other!

A big thank you to Sandra, Peter, and their neighbour' Lori for answering our request for acrylic wool. They gave us a great gift of wool and an 'added' bonus of beautiful crocheted scarves, made by Lori's daughter Vanessa. It was greatly appreciated, and I know Vinnies night patrol will be grateful as well!

Also, more thanks to Gail Lacey for her donation.

### **Louise**

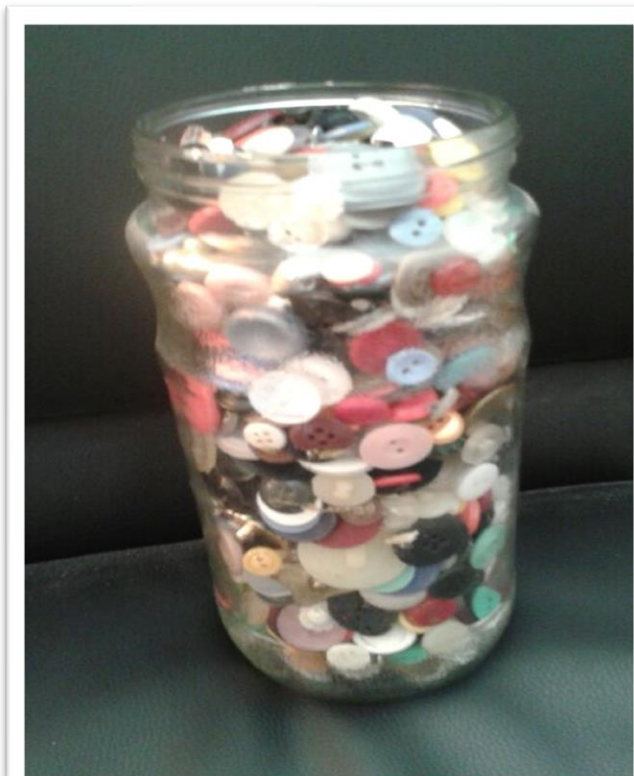
In addition, Charlie has asked me to include the following in the next 'newsletter.'

Charlie would like to say a big thank you to the people who 'phoned and e-mailed wishing him well!' it was greatly appreciated.

### **Get Well**

Would like to pass on our best wishes to Tessa Kenehan and Tom Longhurst for their continuing recovery. Get well soon!

### **Another Competition - Guess the Number of Buttons in the Jar**



Thanks to everyone who took part in our first Guessing Competition. Glenda did not win it and has decided to get even by coming up with one of her own.

Interestingly, Glenda does not know the answer, so she can enter like everyone else!

Glenda advises that the jar is round and measures 21 cm. high, and 8 cm. in diameter. She says that there are all shapes and sizes, with some as old as from the 1940's.

Just to make sure that there is no trickery involved, Glenda has been quizzed, and has said that there are no large objects in the middle of the buttons, to make an accurate guess even harder.

The first Guessing Competition had a bottle of wine as the prize (Salut! Alan). Glenda has decided to go two up, and offer the winner a choice of wine, chocolates, or a bottle of O'Mara's Irish Country Cream.

When you have made your best guess send it to Glenda by e-mail to [nibek@bigpond.com](mailto:nibek@bigpond.com)

or text her on 0437 378 178 or call her on 623 19822. Glenda will collate your answers and notify Alan of the winner!

Entries will close at Midnight on Sunday June 28th, and everyone will be advised of the Winner by email, very soon afterwards

*- Your Outings Co-ordinators, Gail and Fiona*

### **Guest Speakers**

We are not announcing the restart of Meetings at the moment, that is out of our hands!

Having said that, in case things do resume, here is a guide as who our Guest Speakers may be: -

- July – Mia Swainson - How to Cut Your Household Waste in Half.
- Aug – ACT Elections Staff – How your vote is counted.
- Sep – Dance for Wellness.
- Oct – Trivia quiz.

### **Birthdays**

This month we wish a Happy Birthday to Tom Anderson, Pat Bondietti, Lola Ensbey, Jenny Southwell, Fiona Hunt, June Werner, and last but not least, yours truly. I know Jeanette would love to send us all a Chocolate Frog, but we are still working out how to send them electronically!

### **Annual Subscriptions**

Despite us not being able to hold our monthly meetings a significant number of members have already paid their annual subscriptions; this is a good indication of the support we have for the club. At the time of writing we have only ten members who have not yet paid and I would encourage these people to do so!

### **Some Humour**

#### **Sandra's Joke**

I had to cancel our trip to Bundaberg for Peter's birthday due to COVID-19. This morning I broke the very sad news to our suitcases that we wouldn't be doing any travelling this year. Then I had to deal with the emotional baggage!

#### **In the Fifties and Sixties**

Pasta was not eaten in Australia or N.Z. but spaghetti was – it came in tins, sometimes with small sausages [I remember these as meat balls] as did baked beans.

Curry was a surname.

A takeaway was a mathematical problem.  
A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower.

All potato chips were plain; the only choice we had was whether to put the salt on or not – from a little sachet in the bag.

A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.

Oil was for lubricating; fat was for cooking.

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green

"Kebab" was not even a word, never mind a food.

Prunes were medicinal

Fish did not have fingers in those days.

People who did not peel potatoes were regarded as lazy.

**There were things you never put on the table – your elbows or your phone!**

## **They are Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins!**

Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters.

These sentences appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals. Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles, and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house, bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment, and gracious hostility.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

The eighth graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

And this one just about sums them all up:  
The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours."

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**Any contributions from members would be greatly appreciated.**